

March 31, 1954

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

ALBERT ANASTASIA  
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

ALBERT ANASTASIA, was  
FBI Number 171579

This supplementary memorandum has been prepared from information received concerning the subject since the date of the original summary memorandum submitted by the New York Office on February 25, 1954.

The "New York Daily News", for March 1, 1954 in an article entitled, "Al Anastasia Evade U.S. Tax?" "Not so, he says", reflected that a Federal Grand Jury indicted ALBERT ANASTASIA, 51, one time chief executioner of Murder Inc., on two counts of tax evasion.

Less than two hours later he appeared in Federal Court in Newark, N. J. and was released in \$10,000 bail after pleading not guilty. He was given 30 days to file motions.

The News article continues that the Government charged that ANASTASIA, now a part owner of the Madison Dress Co. Hazelton, Pa. owed \$11,742 in income tax for 1947 and 1948.

ANASTASIA, who lives in a mansion at 75 Bluff Road, Fort Lee, N. J., stated in his 1947 return that he made \$5,960 paying \$789 in taxes. The Government claimed he made \$25,728 and should have paid \$8,930 taxes. The Government charged he made \$25,346 and should have paid \$5,591.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. A. Rosen *Rum*

DATE: April 16, 1954

FROM :

SUBJECT:

UMBERTO (ALBERT) ANASTASIO

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Glavin	_____
Harbo	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Tracy	_____
Mohr	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____

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[REDACTED] to the Attorney General. telephonically contacted Research Analyst [REDACTED] at 12:20 P.M. on April 14, 1954, to advise that the United States District Court at Newark, New Jersey, upheld the denaturalization petition against Umberto (Albert) Anastasio. Anastasio is one of the racketeers on the Attorney General's Denaturalization and Deportation Program.

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RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum to be routed to the Criminal Section for information.

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Date: 10-31-57

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (62-0)

RE: ALBERT ANASTASIA - Murder Victim  
POLICE COOPERATION

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

The following anonymous typewritten communication was received by the Cleveland Office on 10-30-57 alleging that the killers of ANASTASIA are now in Cleveland and identifies them as being an acquaintance of a person who killed [REDACTED] about five years ago and was arrested in Cleveland last year for blackmailing a druggist: b7c

"F.B.I. Cleveland Ohio

"The two . . . who killed Anastasia in the barberchair are hiding in the apartment of their henchman the . . . who killed [REDACTED] five years ago and was arrested here last year for black mailing a Druggist. b7c

"Yes Mister they are in Cleveland."

The original incoming communication is being retained in the Cleveland files for such future use as may arise.

Cleveland Office will make appropriate confidential inquiry at Cleveland PD to determine possible identity of writer.

New York Office requested to furnish above info to New York PD for any value or use it may be to that organization.

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2-New York  
2-Cleveland

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/19/57

FROM : *EDP* SAC, NEW YORK (94-419 Sub-5)SUBJECT: *JKH* ALBERT ANASTASIA  
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

GIIP GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

Re LA letter to NY dated 9/24/57, entitled [REDACTED] was. Top Hoodlum Coverage." LA letter to NY dated 10/31 and 11/1/57 entitled [REDACTED] aka., [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING."

For the information of the LA Office,

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Los Angeles (62-3157) (Encl. 1)
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (94-419 Sub-3)
- 1 - New York (94-419 Sub-5)

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Clayton	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

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[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c  
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Call  
[REDACTED] b7c  
b7D

It is to be noted all information concerning [REDACTED] is being furnished to the NYCPD as a matter of cooperation. N.Y. U. 11/11 b7c  
b7D

Enclosed is one photograph of [REDACTED] to the Los Angeles Office. This photo was furnished to the NYO by [REDACTED] b7c  
b7D

The Los Angeles Office is requested to verify if [REDACTED] if this information is verified the Los Angeles Office will advise the Bureau immediately. [REDACTED] b7c  
b7D

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9/30/54

FROM : SAC, New York (94-419 Sub 5)

SUBJECT: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE  
ALBERT ANASTASIA, was  
FBI No. 171579  
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

Reference is made to SAC letter 53-58.

Attached hereto is a supplementary summary of information concerning the above named subject, containing the only pertinent information developed since the summary of information dated 3/31/54.

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September 30, 1954

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

ALBERT ANASTASIA  
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

ALBERT ANASTASIA, was  
FBI Number 171579.

The following supplementary summary of information is the only pertinent information developed concerning ALBERT ANASTASIA since the summary of information dated March 31, 1954:

By letter dated July 8, 1954, Newark Office advised that information received from

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Concerning future possible court action involving the subject, [REDACTED] of the New York City Anti-Crime Committee, advised that the subject is the source of considerable interest by two investigators from the Penal Division of the Treasury Department assigned to the Philadelphia Office who are presently working for the United States Attorney in Newark, New Jersey. These individuals intimated to [REDACTED] that they believed they have an extremely good tax case concerning the subject. b7c

It is to be noted in the "New York Times" article dated April 15, 1954, reporting ALBERT ANASTASIA losing citizenship, this article furnished the following information:

"ANASTASIA'S appearance as a witness before United States Senate and New York State Crime Commission were highlights of their sessions. He lives at 75 Bluff Road, Fort Lee, New Jersey, in a house that is said to be valued at more than \$100,000. A tax lien was filed against the property as a result of an income tax evasion indictment returned against him last month. He is charged with failing to report income for 1947 and 1948, on which the Government claims \$11,742.

"Shortly after Judge SMITH released his opinion United States Attorney WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS applied to Judge THOMAS F. MEANEY for an early trial date of the tax case, ascertaining that 'it is in the public interest that it be held as soon as possible.' Judge MEANEY set the case down as the first in the fall criminal calendar."

To date, no information has been received that the case has gone to trial.

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It is to be noted that the Pittsburgh Office advised on June 24, 1954, that the Hotel Lawrence is the leading hotel in Erie and during October, 1953, was the residence of [REDACTED]

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October 6, 1954

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EX-101  
Honorable Raymond Del Tafe, Jr.  
United States Attorney  
United States Department of Justice  
Newark 1, New Jersey

Attention: Mr. Frederick B. Lacey  
First Assistant

RE: UMBERTO ANASTASIO

My dear Mr. Del Tafe:

I have received your letter of September 30, 1954, submitting an exhibit of eight sheets of paper and a certification sheet, designated in our Laboratory as K1, and [redacted] designated as Qc1 and Qc2, for examination and naming Umberto Anastasio for comparison purposes, your reference FBI mhm 700866 CR 103-54. *Refer*

It was concluded that the Anastasio signatures on specimens Qc1 and Qc2 were prepared by Umberto Anastasio, FBI #171579, whose known handwriting consists of the signature designated as specimen K1 and the signatures on the fingerprint cards in his identification record. The signature on the U. S. Marshal's fingerprint card, number 4111-A, as well as specimen K1, was used in effecting this identification and will be necessary standards for demonstration if testimony is desired.

The ten inked fingerprints appearing on the sheet of paper, designated as page nine, have been identified as the fingerprints of Umberto Anastasio, FBI #171579. The fingerprint record of Anastasio, FBI #171579, includes fingerprints taken by the United States Marshal, Newark, New Jersey, numbered 4111-A.

The submitted specimens, K1, Qc1, and Qc2, are enclosed.

It is desired that the exact time and date the services of the laboratory and fingerprint experts are required in this matter be submitted as soon as such time and date are known.

Please be assured of my desire to be of assistance in these matters.

Sincerely yours,

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc: Laboratory

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Honorable Raymond Del Tufo, Jr.  
United States Attorney  
United States Department of Justice  
Newark 1, New Jersey

Attention: Mr. Frederick B. Lacey  
First Assistant

RE: UNITED STATES VERSUS  
UMBERTO ANASTASIO

My dear Mr. Del Tufo:

I have received your letter of October 5, 1954, requesting the name of the Deputy United States Marshal appearing on the fingerprint card of Umberto Anastasio, which was submitted to us last March. Your number on this case is 700866 CR 103-54.

The name of the Deputy United States Marshal on the fingerprint card, #4111-A, appears to be [REDACTED] *b7c*

The fingerprint card in question will be brought to the trial by the fingerprint examiner who made the identification.

I assure you of my desire to be of assistance in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
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- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_
- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
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- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/21/54

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

UMBERTO ANASTASIA  
DEPORTATION HEARING

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

ASAC Commons, Newark, telephonically advised that information had been received from the United States Attorney's Office that this hearing is proceeding very slowly. The Defense has now informally advised that they are willing to stipulate the testimony that Special Agent [REDACTED] was to give at this hearing. b7c

It will, therefore, not be necessary for [REDACTED] to testify in this hearing unless we are otherwise advised. b7c

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UMBERTO ANASTASIO

No lab file

File # 62-98011 ✓  
Lab. # D-191781 D3

Examination requested by: Dept of Justice, U. S. Attorney, Newark, N. J.

Date of reference communication: 9-30-54

Date received: 10-1-54

Examination requested: Doc. *2 gpr*

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

*Sigs Qc1 + Qc2 & K1 (702#171579). Sig on  
U.S. Marshal Card #41114 is affecting ident*

Specimens submitted for examination

Qc1 [REDACTED]

Qc2 [REDACTED]

K1

Personal History Statement (FHS -G2-3 CA) of ~~ANASTASIO UMBERTO~~  
UMBERTO ANASTASIO dated March 17, 1943 bearing his known signature  
on page 9.

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*Dictation. It was concluded that the Anastasio signatures on*

*specimens Qc1 and Qc2 were prepared by Umberto Anastasio 702#171579*

*whose known handwriting consists of the signature designated as*

*specimen K1 and the signatures on the fingerprint cards in his*

*identification record. The signatures on the U.S. Marshal print*

*#41114 is affecting this identification and will be necessary*

*standards for demonstration if testimony is desired.*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 10-5-54 3:00 PM bc

Re: UMBERTO ANASTASIO

File # 62-98011  
Lab. # D-191781 DG

Examination requested by: Dept of Justice, U. S. Attorney, Newark, N. J.

Date of reference communication: 9-30-54

Date received: 10-1-54

Examination requested: Doc. Egpt.

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Specimens submitted for examination

Qc1 [redacted]

Qc2 [redacted]

K1 Personal History Statement (PHS - G2-3 CA) of UMBERTO ANASTASIO dated March 17, 1943, bearing his known signature on page 9.

*Evid rec'd from Mr. Trotter 10-1-54 - 2:30 P.M. - Carried to lab.*

*10 unled fpts appearing on page 9 of K1*

*as fpts of Umberto Anastasio FBI # 171579.*

*U.S.M. Newark, N.J. # 4111-A- 10-5 [redacted]*

*K1 and fpts card photo'd.*

*Qc1, Qc2, & K1 returned to Contributor.*

*60 Laboratory report included in SFPS report*

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*Dec. 10-6-54*

Qc1. Umberto Anastasio

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Qc2. Umberto Anastasio

Q1. Umberto Anastasio

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1579 Umberto Anastasio

Umberto (West)

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DEC 27 1954

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TO : THE DIRECTOR  
FROM : L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: 12-16-54

SUBJECT:

Wason  
Boardman  
Belmont  
Harbo  
Mohr  
Parsons  
Rosen  
Tamm  
 Sizoo  
Tele. Room  
Holloman  
Gandy

On December 14, 1954, I sent you a note indicating that Warren Olney had called me and commented he had a couple of matters which "in the interests of harmony" he would like to discuss with me so that "we won't get into a memo-writing contest." He stated he was too busy on December 15 to discuss these matters with me, but did come to my office at 9:30 A.M., December 16, 1954, and started his comments with the observation that he had previously told you that when he became Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Criminal Division, he found that there were many members in the Department who did not like the FBI and were endeavoring, when the opportunity presented itself, to put the FBI on the spot. He further stated that he had informed you that he intended to eradicate any such feelings in the Department; that he intended that the Departmental Attorneys and the FBI representatives function on a very amicable basis and that he, Olney, has been endeavoring to do that. He commented that quite a few of the people in the Department, particularly in his Division, have been moved. I advised Olney that it had always been the desire of the FBI, and would continue to be the desire of the FBI, that there be an amicable relationship between the representatives of the Department and the FBI; that in fact such a relationship was essential to the proper consummation of the affairs being transacted on a daily basis between the Bureau and the Department.

Olney then commented that a memorandum had been received in connection with the case entitled, "Unknown Subjects; United States vs. Umberto Anastasio; Obstruction of Justice." Olney prefaced his remarks that he was not of the opinion that we should have conducted an investigation of alleged jury tampering in the trial of Umberto Anastasio and that he was, as a matter of fact, writing a letter to United States Attorney Raymond Del Tufo, Jr., asking for more explicit information as to the grounds upon which Del Tufo felt there would be justification for requesting investigation of jury tampering in instant case. He stated, however, that in our memorandum dated November 30, 1954, a copy of which is attached for your information, that there was a statement,

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Attachment

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SENT DIRECTOR  
12-17-54

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"it would appear the United States Attorney was endeavoring to 'undermine' the Judge." Mr. Olney stated that he and other members of the Department could not understand why the FBI should be inferring that the USA was endeavoring to undermine the Judge. I told Olney that I couldn't believe that we would make such a statement and asked him if he had the memorandum in question with him. He did. I read the paragraph which is as follows: "In view of the foregoing, the United States Attorney has declined to discuss the requested investigation with the trial judge since he feels the judge would not approve of the request and it would appear the United States Attorney was endeavoring to 'undermine' the judge."

I told Mr. Olney that I couldn't understand his interpretation since it appeared to me quite clearly that it was the United States Attorney at Newark who had commented that he was declining to discuss the investigation with the Judge because it would appear to the Judge that the United States Attorney was endeavoring to undermine the Judge and that our paragraph in the memorandum was merely indicating to the Department the reasons why the USA was declining to discuss the matter with the Judge. I told Mr. Olney that I would immediately verify the matter and let him know.

Mr. Olney then brought up the matter captioned, "Unknown Subject; [REDACTED] - Victim; Extortion." He had with him our memorandum dated November 29, 1954, addressed to Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins, which confirms to the Department the fact that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7c

A tickler copy of the memorandum to Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins, as well as the cover memorandum dated November 26, 1954, concerning this matter, is attached. (ORIGINALS OBTAINED AND ATTACHED) file # 9-27130-2

Mr. Olney stated that he was not questioning the propriety of our informing [REDACTED] that we could not offer him police protection nor tap his lines, nor was he presently contending that we should have conducted an alleged intimidation of Government employee investigation or the possibility of an obstruction of justice case. b7c

He stated that the purpose of bringing this situation to my attention was that it was thought by [REDACTED] that we were indifferent to [REDACTED] feelings. I pointed out to Mr. Olney that I well recalled the [REDACTED] situation and recalled discussing the matter with Messrs. Rosen and Winterrowd and that I had detected no indications of any indifference on the part of either of these people; that in fact Mr. Winterrowd had very carefully considered every possible manner in which assistance might be rendered to [REDACTED] but was unable to ascertain on the basis of the facts furnished that there was any basis for an FBI investigation. I pointed out that Winterrowd had talked with David Luce, Olney's Executive Assistant in the Criminal Division, and that Luce had furnished no statutory authority for further proceeding in the matter. I told Mr. Olney that I would again talk with Messrs. Winterrowd and Rosen relative to the question of indifference and advise him. I pointed out to Olney that had there been any facts furnished by [REDACTED] to indicate that the Communists were endeavoring to intimidate [REDACTED] he could be assured that we would have very willingly conducted an immediate and complete investigation of the situation. b7c

Olney, during the course of the conference which I had with him, repeatedly indicated that he was not here for the purpose of creating issues; that he did not feel that there were any issues involved in either of these two situations which he was bringing to my attention, but that the purpose of discussing the matter with me was that there had been hurt feelings because of the terminology contained in the Umberto Anastasio memorandum and a general feeling of indifference by the FBI towards [REDACTED]. Olney felt that in the interests of harmony he wanted to discuss this matter with me so that in the event there was an entirely plausible explanation on my part, he could set his people straight and allay any erroneous attitude existing on the part of any of his people. I told Mr. Olney that I would be in touch with him and I immediately contacted Messrs. Rosen and Winterrowd; got the tickler copies of the cover memoranda and the Departmental memoranda in both the Umberto Anastasio and [REDACTED] matters. b7c

I discussed the situation with Messrs. Rosen and Winterrowd and immediately thereafter telephonically contacted Mr. Olney and advised him that with reference to the Anastasio situation, very clearly the word "undermine" in the clause "it would appear the United States Attorney was endeavoring to 'undermine' the Judge," was the comment of the USA, being one of the reasons why the USA declined to discuss the requested

investigation with the Trial Judge. I pointed out to Mr. Olney that the reason for the quote around the word "undermine" in our memorandum to the Department was that it was the word used by the USA; that had the FBI sought to charge the USA with an attempt to undermine the Judge, there would have been no quotes around the word "undermine." Mr. Olney stated that the entire matter is very clear to him and that during the period of time after he had returned to his office, he had already straightened out his people on this situation.

As regards the [redacted] matter, I pointed out to Mr. Olney, as was reflected in the memorandum of Mr. Price to Mr. Rosen, November 26, 1954, that Special Agent [redacted] our week-end duty supervisor, in receiving the complaint from [redacted] and after advising [redacted] that the FBI was not in a position to afford him protection and it would not be possible for the FBI to tap his line, further advised [redacted] that he should immediately contact the Bureau should he [redacted] develop any additional information which he believes to be pertinent. I pointed out to Mr. Olney that this would certainly not indicate any indifference. b7c

I then informed Mr. Olney that Mr. Winterrowd had talked to David Luce, Executive Assistant to Olney, on November 26, 1954, and that Winterrowd had pointed out to Mr. Luce that in the absence of any further information in addition to that already furnished by [redacted] nothing could be done by the Bureau at this time, but that [redacted] should furnish any pertinent information that he might receive in this matter in the future." I pointed out to Mr. Olney that that again would fail to reflect an attitude of indifference. Olney stated that apparently our feelings in the matter had not gotten across to [redacted] b7c

Mr. Olney stated, however, that after discussing the matter with me, he was now in a position to clearly indicate to [redacted] that the FBI was not at all indifferent to [redacted] Olney stated that he would get his people straightened out on both the Anastasio and [redacted] matters and was very pleased that he had had this discussion with me, since the matter was now completely resolved. b7c

I asked Mr. Olney if there were any further questions in his mind concerning either of these incidents and if he felt that he would like to discuss them any further. Mr. Olney stated that they were both handled to his complete satisfaction and that he would appreciate the matter being dropped at this point. He stated that he, of course, was desirous that this entire matter be considered an informal matter.



To complete the Bureau's records, I have instructed Rosen to secure from [redacted] and Winterrowd statements concerning their conversations with [redacted] so that should any question ever arise relative to indifference allegedly displayed, these memoranda are in file and will make it clear that we had suggested to [redacted] and to Luce that in the event [redacted] had any additional information concerning the matter in the future he should immediately bring it to our attention. b7c

I have dictated this memorandum in some detail because Olney has, through his comments that he was taking this up with me informally, indicated a desire that I not confirm this in writing to the Department. I normally would confirm such a conversation in writing to the Department and will do so if you desire. However, I did want this memorandum to be complete in every detail for possible future record purposes.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

1. Well handled by Boardman  
2. It is obvious that the Criminal Div. is working around with a "chip on its shoulder" We must be most careful of matters in all dealings with it.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (94-419 Sub 5)

SUBJECT: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE  
 ALBERT ANASTASIA, was  
 FBI No. 171579  
 TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

DATE: 3/31/55

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Reference is made to SAC letter 53-58.

Attached hereto is a supplementary summary of information concerning the above named subject, containing the only pertinent information developed since the summary of information dated 9/30/54.

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March 31, 1955

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

ALBERT ANASTASIA  
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ALBERT ANASTASIA, was  
FBI Number 171579

The following supplementary summary of information is the only pertinent information developed concerning ALBERT ANASTASIA since the summary of information dated September 30, 1954.

By letter dated December 31, 1954 the Newark Office advised that the trial on the income tax evasion charge against ALBERT ANASTASIA was commenced on October 18, 1954 at Newark, New Jersey. ANASTASIA was indicted in March, 1954 by the Federal Grand Jury on the charge of evading payment of \$11,742 in income taxes for the years 1947 and 1948. The indictment charged that he reported a net income of \$18,769 for the years 1947 and 1948, when actually it should have been \$51,074.

At the start of the trial, the matter of ANASTASIA's spacious and elaborate home located at 75 Bluff Road, Fort Lee, New Jersey, which was in the name of ALBERT and ELSA BARGNESI, was brought up. The defense attorney admitted that BARGNESI was the maiden name of ANASTASIA's wife, and that ALBERT and ELSA BARGNESI were in fact Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT ANASTASIA. It was also borne out that two mortgage loans totaling \$30,000 were secured on the home in 1947 in the name of ALBERT and ELSA BARGNESI. It was also borne out during the trial that a home in the name of ELSA BARGNESI had formerly been owned by them, which was located in Brooklyn and sold for \$25,000 in 1946.

Much of the trial concerned testimony of Mrs. ANASTASIA's holdings which the defense objected to submitting in evidence, but which was admitted in evidence.

Testimony was brought out that in 1943 ALBERT ANASTASIA had told Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Officials that he never earned more than \$145 a month between 1928 and 1942. This statement, given to INS, further

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revealed that ANASTASIA indicated he had worked as a longshoreman in Brooklyn between 1928 and 1936, and that between 1936 and 1940 he ran his own cheese business. Subsequently, he went to work for a sand and gravel company in Utica, New York for \$100 a month.

Testimony concerning the filing of his income tax returns was introduced. ALFRED ESPOSITO, a Cliffside Real Estate and Insurance Broker, testified he had made out ANASTASIA's income tax report for 1947 at which time ANASTASIA listed his wins as \$4500 in excess of his losses in playing the horses.

An Accountant, NAT BENNETT of Lindbrook, New York, testified that he made out ANASTASIA's 1948 income tax return, and stated that all the income listed on it was derived from ANASTASIA's share of profits of the Modern Dress Company, a Pennsylvania firm.

The house in question, described in news releases as being a 34 room, 5 bath house, was said to have cost \$50,477 or more to build. Its value is established to run from \$75,000 to \$125,000. Much of the testimony concerning the construction of the house included various contractors, used in this construction, being called as witnesses.

United States Treasury Agents testified that they had contacted some 110 banks in 1947 in New York and New Jersey but they never located any savings, loans, inheritances or safety deposit boxes.

It was brought out through introduction of Social Security records that ALBERT ANASTASIA and his wife had a total combined earning of \$8,730 from January 1, 1947 until December 31, 1948 in so far as work covered by Social Security was reported. Information was also brought out to show the reported earnings of the couple compared with the lavish living and expenses incurred in that living.

The trial went on for a five week period and was turned over to the jury on November 20, 1954. After 17½ hours deliberation, the jury failed to agree on a verdict and was dismissed by Federal Judge ALBERT E. MODARELLI. Dismissal was made after the jury declared they were hopelessly deadlocked.

United States Attorney RAYMOND DEL TUFO declared after the dismissal of the jury that he would move for a retrial on the case at the earliest possible moment.

The retrial is on the court calendar for February 11, 1955 before Judge WILLIAM F. SMITH. To date this retrial has been postponed indefinitely and it is expected a new date will be set in the near future.

On April 14, 1954 ANASTASIA was stripped of his citizenship which he obtained on June 29, 1943 while he was stationed at the Indian Town Gap Military Reservation, Indian Gap, Pennsylvania. ANASTASIA appealed this revocation of his citizenship and the arguments have been concluded before a panel of the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court reserved its decision on September 20, 1954 and when the decision will be handed down is unknown as of this writing.

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In the New York "Daily News" dated April 26, 1954 appears the following article, "Anastasia's Pal Slain, Stuffed in Auto Trunk". "A close henchman and onetime bodyguard of the notorious Albert Anastasia, lord high executioner of Murder Inc., was himself found murdered yesterday in the latest underworld style." The article continues, the body of VINCENT (JIM) MACRI ex-convict and brother of BENEDICT MACRI was shot twice through the head and his body was found in his own hardtop convertible. The article continues that during BENEDICT's trial in New York on a manslaughter charge concerning the fatal stabbing of a clothing worker union organizer, VINCENT MACRI was hold-up with ANASTASIA in ANASTASIA's home at Fort Lee, New Jersey. The article stated he was guarding ANASTASIA from underworld avengers who had marked ANASTASIA for

death because of a reported double-cross. To date this killing has not been solved.

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In a column written for the "New York Post", dated September 20, 1954 LEONARD LYONS, "The Lyons Den" stated "A subpoena is out for Albert Anastasia, the East's most powerful mob leader. It concerns a murder case here." No further information was reported in the New York papers or from the New York City Police Department concerning this statement by LYONS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/16/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (94-419 sub 5)

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA, was

FBI #171579

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Reference is made to SAC letter #53-56.

Attached hereto for the information of the Bureau is a supplementary summary of the information concerning the above subject containing the only pertinent information developed since the summary of information dated 9/12/55.

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The following supplementary summary of information is the only pertinent information developed concerning Albert Anastasia, since the summary of information dated September 12, 1955.

It is to be noted that on June 3, 1955, as previously reported, Anastasia was sentenced in United States District Court, Camden, New Jersey, to a term of one year in a federal penitentiary.

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In the "World Telegram" dated March 13, 1956, appears an article by Frederick J. Cook, Staff Writer, entitled "Anastasia Mysteries Probed By Miami on New Evidence." This article stated that "Bronx and Miami authorities, possessing new information, today were focusing once more on a favorite target of prosecutors - Albert Anastasia, known to the underworld as the Lord High Executioner of Murder Inc."

"The twin probes involve three mysteries of the kind that have marked the career of Anastasia through the years - a murder and the baffling disappearances of three other persons who were important potential witnesses against the gangland czar.

"The exact nature of the new evidence that has revived interest in Anastasia wasn't clear, but Miami authorities did say they want to question Willie Pep, the former featherweight boxing champion, as quickly as possible. Pep is fighting in Tampa tonight and is to be brought in for questioning as soon as he can be subpoenaed.

#### "Friend of Guard"

"Pep was a close acquaintance of Vincent Macri, former Anastasia bodyguard who was bumped off in April, 1954. About the same time his brother, Benedicto Macri, garment center figure acquitted in the William Lurye murder case and an associate of Anastasia, mysteriously disappeared.

"A year later, in May, 1955, a retired Fort Lee plumbing contractor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferri, vanished from their home leaving only bloodstains behind them. Mr. Ferri had been a key witness in a pending income tax evasion case against Anastasia.

'Anastasia is the common denominator in all of these cases,' Assistant U. S. Attorney Albert Blinder declared in Miami today.

#### "Checking Leads."

"Mr. Blinder said Pep had been questioned in New York because of his close acquaintance with the Macris, but he added that the fighter was wanted for further questioning in Florida because 'we also have some confidential information.'

"Florida sources said that Bronx Assistant District Attorney Fred Baroni had spent from Feb. 21 to 25 checking out new leads in the case in Miami, and Miami authorities sent Chief Investigator Fred Jones Jr. to the Bronx to work on the case here.

"Mr. Blinder said he didn't expect an immediate solution to the cases, and State Attorney George A. Brautigan said in Miami that 'we intend to pursue this (Ferri) case until the mystery is solved.'

"The Macris and the Ferris were important in the income tax case against Anastasia. After they were removed as potential witnesses Anastasia copped a plea and was sentenced to a year in jail. He began serving his term last June."

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/26/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (94-419 Sub File 5)

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Reference is made to SAC letter 53-58.

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It is to be noted in an article entitled, "Albert Anastasia Wins Court Ruling", which appeared in the "New York Herald Tribune", May 15, 1956, and listed as an Associated Press Release from Washington, D.C., dated May 14, 1956, there appeared as follows:



"The Supreme Court today refused to review the government's unsuccessful efforts to cancel the citizenship of Albert Anastasia, reputed head of the old Brooklyn Murder, Inc., mob.

"Federal Judge William F. Smith in Newark, New Jersey., ruled Anastasia had obtained his naturalization by fraud and ordered it canceled. This opened the way for deportation of Anastasia to his native Italy, but the United States Court of Appeals in Philadelphia reversed Judge Smith.

"The appeals court ruled that a naturalization examiner might with greater diligence have discovered Anastasia's fraud upon the naturalization court and so the government was not deceived into granting his citizenship in 1943.

"Appealing to the Supreme Court, the Justice Department said the Philadelphia court's action was erroneous and 'undermines the very foundation' of denaturalization law.

"In its appeal, the Justice Department said the Philadelphia appeals court opinion holds the government bound by neglect or lack of judgment of a single minor employee and specifically holds the decree of a court to be immune from correction for fraud.

"Such a holding, the appeal added, has continuing importance in all fields of governmental activity since it makes the rights of the government as a whole dependent on the error of any subordinate employee. Even if the examiner were in fact aware of the fraud, his fault cannot bind the government or the denaturalization court so as to render Anastasia immune from the consequence of his own fraud."

In an article appearing in the "New York Daily News" dated May 18, 1956, the photograph of Albert Anastasia appeared with the caption, "Gangland figure, Albert Anastasia (second from right and covering his face with a handkerchief) leaves brother's funeral service with his group of mourners."

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On the same date, the following article appeared:

"An Anastasio Goes to Grave in Style, Plus" by Joseph Kiernan.

"In the grandest funeral seen in Bath Beach since mob boss Frankie Yale went to his reward 28 years ago, Joseph Anastasio of the celebrated longshore clan, was buried yesterday after a Mass offered by his brother, a priest.

"First came 33 flower cars, stretching for five blocks and loaded with \$10,000 worth of sprays and wreaths. Frankie rated only five more cars.

Next the hearse, carrying Anastasio's body in a \$4,000 mahogany and bronze casket. Finally, the mourners rode in another 100 cars, just four less than at Yale's funeral.

"At 8:00 A.M., the mourners started gathering at the Andrew Torregrossa and Sons Funeral Home, 79th Street and 13th Avenue, Brooklyn. Among them were hundreds of Brooklyn longshoremen.

"Soon, the crowd around the funeral home had swelled to 1,500 and a sergeant and three patrolmen were rushed from the Bath Beach station to straighten traffic.

"Inside were Anastasio's family, his wife, Stella, 48, sons, Robert, 21, and Joseph Jr., 9, and daughter, Rosemary, 16, and close relatives. Among the latter were his brothers, Albert, the Murder, Inc., enforcer, Tony, labor boss of the Brooklyn docks, and Gerardo, who works with Tony."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/20/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (94-419 Sub File 5)

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SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA, was.  
FBI NUMBER 471579 - GIIF  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference was made to SAC letter 53-58.

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FBI NUMBER 171579  
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RE ALBERT ANASTASIA, true name  
Umberto Anastasio, with aliases  
Albert Anastasio, R. Albert  
Anastasio, Albert Anastasio  
FBI Number 171579

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The above captioned subject claims to have been born in 1902 at Tropea, Calabria, Italy. He further claims to have attained United States citizenship in the year 1943 in the Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, while in the service of the United States Army. The subject in testimony given before the New York State Crime Commission stated his residence address was 75 Bluff Road, Palisades, New Jersey.

Further in testimony before the New York State Crime Commission the subject admitted to be a dress contractor and connected with the Madison Dress Company, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] lists the following addresses for the subject:

387 Columbia Street,  
Brooklyn, New York

636 Arthur Street,  
Utica, New York

1146-73rd Street  
Brooklyn, New York

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Cliffside, New Jersey

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The "New York Times" for December 24, 1952 in an article on Albert Anastasia advised that the biography of the Brothers Anastasia began in Tropea, a fishing village in Calabria, Italy. The family name was Anastasio. The father of the Anastasia brothers was a railroad worker who died before World War I. By that time the family consisted of nine sons and three daughters. One son and two daughters died young. Another son emigrated to Australia. All the remaining boys had to go to work at an early age, on fishing boats, on freighters, on farms; one succeeded his father on the railroad.

Umberto, later called Albert, now fifty years old, Guiseppi (Joseph), now forty-seven, and Tony, now forty-five, shipped as deckhands on tramp steamers as children of eleven and twelve and knocked about the toughest ports in the world. At various times during the Twenties they jumped ship in the United States and merged into the gangs of longshoremen.

Albert, the oldest and most sinister of the Anastasia brothers got involved as far back as 1921 with the criminal element as he was among several men convicted of killing a fellow countryman in a quarrel. After months in the death house at Sing Sing Prison Anastasia won a retrial on a technical plea.

Meanwhile the State's best witness in this case was frightened back to Italy. On the retrial, Albert was acquitted. He was arrested for assault in 1923 but won a discharge by the same technique of intimidating witnesses. The same year he was convicted of possessing a gun. He served two years in the penitentiary.

In 1928 the subject was charged with another murder and in 1932 with stabbing a man to death with an ice-pick, but was dismissed for lack of evidence both times. In 1933 he was tried for the killing of a Brooklyn laundryman but the State's witnesses somehow changed their story and he got off again.

By this time the subject was rising to power on a Brooklyn waterfront. He became a pier superintendent



and dominated six locals of the International Longshoremen's Association, A.F.L. In addition, Albert had become a friend, as he admitted in 1951 to the Kefauver Committee, of Joe Adonis, Willie Moretti, Vito Genovese and Augi Pisano, important thugs.

With Adonis and Abe Reles, Albert formed Murder, Inc., the famous racket syndicate that slew sixty-three men in the New York area between 1931 and 1940. Reles later testified that Albert was the fingerman and ordered all of the killings.

In 1939 Peter Panto, the longshoreman who organized a rank-and-file revolt to rid the union of racketeers was strangled and his body was buried in a lime pit. Reles, accused of several other murders, told all to save his life. He implicated the subject in this and thirty more murders. Then Reles plunged to his death from his room in the Half Moon Hotel in Coney Island in 1941 and William O'Dwyer, then Brooklyn District Attorney, said his "perfect case" against Anastasia had collapsed.

Taking refuge in the Army in 1942 the subject hid out as technical sergeant training Army longshoremen at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania for the next two years.

Before he was discharged as over age in 1944 he took advantage of a law granting quick citizenship to servicemen. After he quit the waterfront and the rough stuff he began operating a dress factory in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The subject bought a \$75,000.00 yellow stucco house of phony Spanish style overlooking the Hudson at Fort Lee, New Jersey around the corner from the home of his old friend Adonis.

There he lives behind a steel fence guarded by two dogs, and spurns subpoenas of the State Crime Commission. He has two Lincolns, his son goes to college, and he and his brothers have bought Mama Anastasio, now age 76, a home in Parchelia, Italy where the Federal Government has begun proceedings to denaturalize and deport him.

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# Anastasia Case Holds '150 Angles' 'Jigsaw Puzzle,' Says Detective

Detectives investigating the murder of Albert Anastasia are not overlooking the "cherchez la femme" angle, Chief of Detectives James B. Leggett disclosed yesterday.

Although the "lord high executioner" of Murder, Inc., never had the reputation of being a ladies' man, there could be a woman involved "somewhere in the background," the chief conceded. Ostensibly the gangster was devoted to his wife and family and he enjoyed playing paroches in his Fort Lee, N. J., home.

"There are about 150 possible angles to this case," the chief said. "It could have been any one, possibly some one who had a grudge against him or even a slight grievance in the past."

## Coppola Still Held

Meanwhile, Anthony Coppola, Anastasia's "coffee sergeant" or messenger, was questioned for a fifth day yesterday by police. He was held late Monday in \$50,000 bail as a material witness. He was across the street from the Park Sheraton Hotel barber shop at Seventh Ave. and 55th St. when the gangster was shot down there by two gunmen at 10:20 a. m. Friday. Coppola's lawyer had said on Monday that his client would raise the bail within two days. "I ain't got no money for bail," Coppola complained yesterday. "It's all a farce."

Chief Leggett indicated this would be a "long exhaustive pursuit of little pieces of information that would have to be put painstakingly together like a jigsaw puzzle."

## "No One Big Enough"

Anastasia apparently had no idea any one was gunning for him and probably felt that "no one was big enough to take him," the chief said, adding the mobster probably felt his fearsome reputation was all the protection he needed.

At a press conference in Trenton, Gov. Meyner said he was certain that Anastasia had not been operating in New Jersey. The Governor said he knew nothing of reports that New Jersey authorities were checking a possible link between Anastasia's murder and the still unsolved October, 1951, slaying of Willie Moretti, another gangster, in Cliffside Park, N. J.

Attorney General Grover C. Richman Jr. of New Jersey also said he knows nothing of such an investigation.

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## Another 'Murder, Inc.'

To assume a "good riddance" attitude toward the killing of gangland's one-time "lord high executioner," Albert Anastasia—as some persons may be inclined to do—would be to ignore the shocking realities of the New York crime. It is true that Anastasia, once head of "Murder, Inc.," met a sort of retributive justice when two gunmen "rubbed him out" with an efficiency reminiscent of "Murder, Inc." But the alarming fact is that the shooting of this killer, following so closely upon the recent abortive attempt to murder another New York gangster, Frank Costello, indicates that another murder syndicate may be operating in New York City. At any rate, it is joltingly evident that the era of big-city gangland warfare, generally thought to have passed pretty much out of the picture in recent years, is not yet ended.

The slaying of the loathsome Anastasia presents a challenge to the New York police—and to law enforcement at large—that must be met with all the resources of the law. For while one killer who, amazingly, was able to escape punishment through the years, has been erased from the list of America's top criminals, other killers as ruthless as their victim remain free to operate where and when they please.

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